

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by inserting the following on page 1, line 1 of the specification:

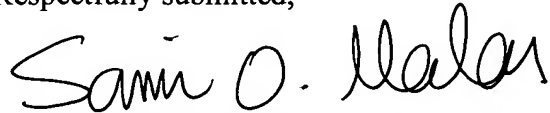
CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/399,982, filed July 31, 2002 and titled "Blood Vessel Detection System", which is also hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

CONCLUSION

Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call David P. (Phil) Kelley at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sami O. Malas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Sami" is followed by a middle initial "O." and the last name "Malas".

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